

New Catalog Information from Covers

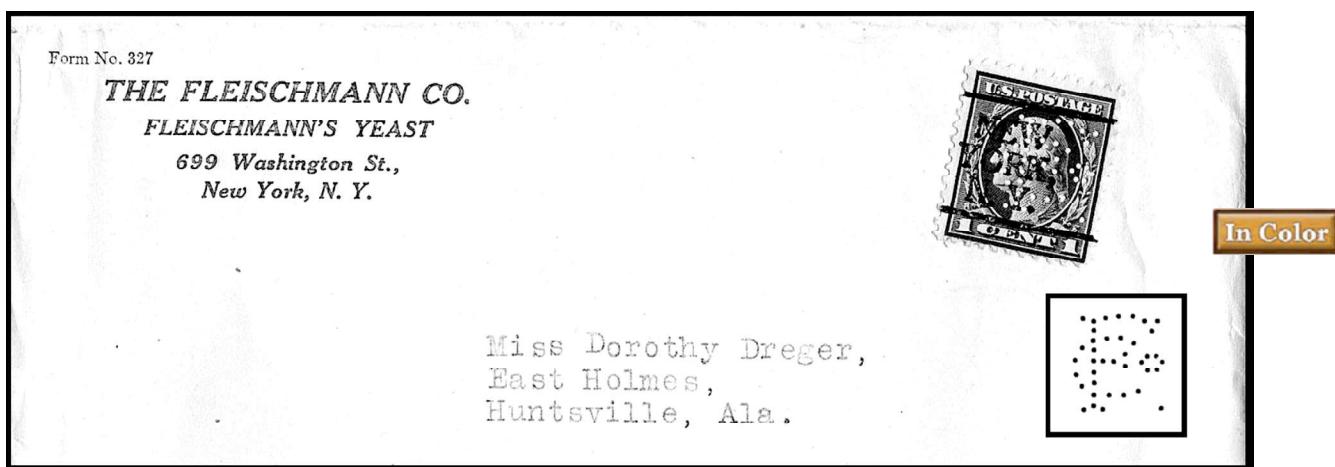
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Here are two items that I have recently noticed that will add new information to the US Perfin Catalog.

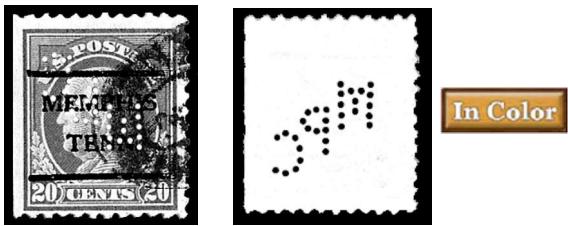
The first item is a (cropped using Photoshop) cover from the Fleischmann Company. I remember my mom's baking and always using Fleischmann's yeast. Lo and behold, here is the company and they used prepers!

Now, where to start? C133 and C134 are listed to Fleishman Transportation Company. Could the company have made yeast and been a moving company at the same time? At least, we should

consider a correction for the spelling of the company name as shown on the pictured cover. The next thing to consider is the location of the company. If the reproduction shows in the Bulletin, you will note a control hole to the bottom right of the perfin pattern. This indicates C134. However, C134 is not listed as having a precancel and it lists Cincinnati and not New York as the location city. The cover's return address is clearly New York. The US Catalog editor will have to scratch his head on what to do with this one! Certainly, some additions and corrections should be considered.



The second item matches perfectly M201.5 in the catalog. This is an "A" rate, so that brought a smile to my face! When looking on the opposite catalog page M-20, I noted no indication of use as a preper! The smile is now a little wider! And, what do you know? No indication is given for a city of use. A preper is the next best indication of a city of use, only a cover would be more desirable.



We can now add the city of Memphis, Tennessee as the location of this pattern! Do you want to guess how wide my smile is now?

The moral of the story is look at everything you come across and when you have a question, please do not be afraid to ask and don't wait five years like I did!

I've had both of these items for several years but just "discovered" them as being valuable for the above information when checking items against the catalog! My own collection never ceases to amaze me. It is a great place to look for interesting information. Maybe you will find something in your collections worth sending to the editor, too!